

Minutes
Forney City Council
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting and Work Shop
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Penn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Mary Penn, Mayor Pro Tem Shaun Myers and Council Members Mike Thomas, Robbie Powers, Kevin Moon, Derald Cooper and David Johnson. Also present was City Manager Tony Carson.

II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBBIE POWERS

III. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

1. National Reading Month

Mayor Penn read the Proclamation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2020, City Council meeting.

Mayor Penn asked if Council had any changes to the Minutes. There being no changes, Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Moon made a motion to approve the Minutes and Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

[The items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council Member.]

1. Consider a Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Freeman-Millican, Inc. for providing engineering services for electrical improvements at Pump Station No. 2.

2. Consider a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of membership dues to fund regulatory and related activities related to the Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.

3. Consider approval of the authorization to allow staff to seek bids for the street maintenance and repairs, and all related issues.

4. Consider a Resolution approving a Special Warranty Deed conveying 0.268 acres of land originally dedicated as parkland in error as part of an original 67.44 acres of land by Meadow Ridge Farm, LP and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Special Warranty Deed on behalf of the City.

55 **5. Consider a Resolution approving a Temporary Construction Access**
56 **Easement between the City of Forney and Union Pacific Railroad**
57 **Company for a period of five months for railroad bridge construction**
58 **and re-construction projects within the railroad right-of-way located in**
59 **the Mineola Subdivision of the railroad.**
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61 Mayor Penn asked if Council wished to pull an item for discussion. No items were pulled and no
62 one from the audience came forward to speak on an item, so Mayor Penn called for a motion.
63 Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda and Mayor Pro
64 Tem Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0
65 nays.
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67 **I. OPEN FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

68 This is the public's opportunity to address the City Council on any matter related to the City. In
69 accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.042, the City Council cannot
70 discuss, consider, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council will
71 receive citizen comments on non-agenda items, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City
72 staff for research, resolution or referral to Council on a future agenda. As described in the
73 City's Public Meeting Procedures, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
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75 No one came forward to address the Council.
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77 **VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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79 City Manager Carson had nothing to report.
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81 **VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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83 Council Member Thomas had no comments.
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85 Mayor Pro Tem Myers thanked Staff for their hard work.
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87 Council Member Powers stated she was glad to be back after being out sick at our last meeting.
88 She asked that everyone to keep the Givens Family in their prayers.
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90 Council Member Moon stated he is looking forward to the work shop.
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92 Council Member Cooper had no comments.
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94 Council Member Johnson had no comments.
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96 Mayor Penn stated she received a call from the Mayor of Terrell congratulating the City with regard
97 to Amazon.
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99 Mayor Penn called for a 10-minute recess at this time.
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101 **IX. WORK SHOP**

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103 Mayor Penn called the meeting back to order at 6:14 p.m. City Manager Tony Carson gave a brief
104 review of the goals of the Council from the last workshop in 2018 and what has been accomplished
105 by the City. City Attorney Jon Thatcher presented the topics for discussion during the evening's
106 workshop including the City's park system, the Booker T Washington school site, and the City's
107 growth management plan.
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109 The Council discussed the next phases of the City's park system and directed staff to start the
110 process for a possible bond election to support the development of the City's park system including
111 Community Park, Northside Park and the Pinson Heritage Park.
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113 Council Member Powers left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
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115 The Council then discussed the Booker T Washington school. The consensus of the Council was
116 that the facility is not safe and needs to be addressed this year. Staff will work on drafting a
117 Request for Proposals to perform work at the site. Potential development for the property could
118 include a memorial and pavilion for public use. Further discussions about the property will occur at
119 a later date.
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121 The Council concluded the workshop with a discussion about measures to help bring a diverse
122 development to the City with a variety of residential options maintaining a focus on development of
123 infrastructure and commercial growth. The City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan was identified as
124 an item for staff to review and formulate a plan for its update.
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126 Finance Director Deborah Woodham provided response to questions about the impact of a bond
127 election on the average citizen of the City. As an example, Ms. Woodham stated that the annual
128 tax increase for a potential \$140 million bond would be just under \$1,000.
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130 There being no further discussion, Mayor Penn called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem
131 Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Council Member Moon seconded
132 the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent.
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134 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,**
135 **TEXAS, this _____ day of _____, 2020.**
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138 **ATTEST:**

Mary Penn, Mayor

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Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary
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